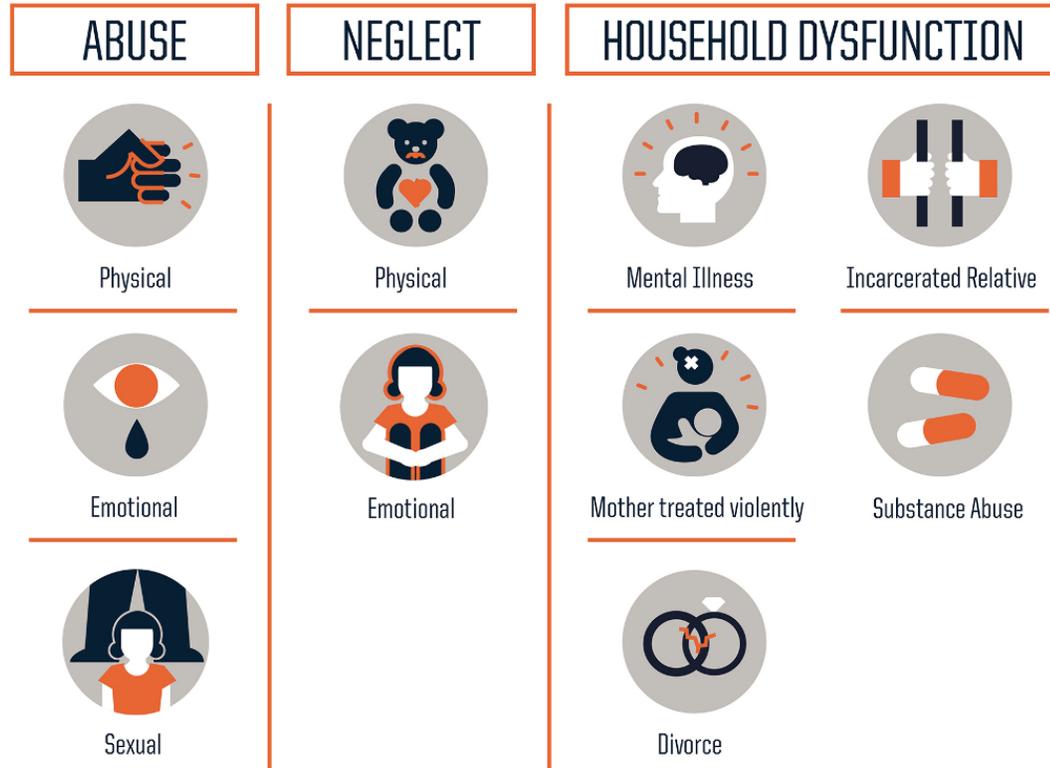




Building a Network of Care to Support Identification and Response to Trauma for Young Children and Families

# What are ACEs?



# Why Screen for ACEs?

## ACEs Statistics

- 1 in 6 adults have had 4+ ACEs
- 9 out of 10 leading causes of death in the United States is associated with ACEs

## Benefits of Screening

- Family health and well-being
- Reduce long-term health costs
- Reduce depression rates

# Responding to ACEs



## IN CLINIC INTERVENTIONS

Everything a medical team can do to acknowledge adversity, provide emotional support, and help build strength and resilience in patients and families.

**Best through conversation; Handouts alone are not sufficient.**



## HEALTH SYSTEM RESOURCES

Includes referrals to specialists or programs within the health system, like medical caseworkers, care management programs, sub-specialty services, social work, or other in-network partnerships like medical-legal partnerships or on-site food pantries.



## COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Include referrals to community organizations or programs to further patient/family support and resilience.

# The Evolution of ACEs-LA

ACEs screening and  
starting healing conversations  
CALQIC



Taking action on  
screening results  
NETWORK OF CARE

**UCLA** | **UCSF**  
ACEs Aware Family Resilience Network

Our 1<sup>st</sup> round of state funding was to provide training and implementation support for pediatric care teams at LA County DHS on ACEs and SBDOH screening and response, and trauma-informed care.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> round of state funding was to help connect DHS clinicians and programs with social services organizations throughout LA County so that they can jointly meet the needs of children and families impacted by toxic stress.

Through a partnership with a referral platform called One Degree, our goal is to streamline referrals between DHS clinics and CBOs, including Regional Centers and other organizations providing services for children with complex needs.

ACEs-LA supports DHS pilot and other projects funded by The UCLA-UCSF ACEs Aware Family Resilience Network (UCAAN). These pilots are looking at expanding ACE screening in different clinic settings and examining ACE screening and toxic stress response interventions and outcomes of ACE-Associated Health Conditions.

**INNOVATION LAB:**

In addition, ACEs-LA will continue to coordinate ACE screening and response implementation, testing, and dissemination.





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### ACEs-LA Clinical Teams



Olive View Pediatrics



Harbor Pediatrics



Humphrey CHC



LAC+USC Pediatrics



Hudson CHC



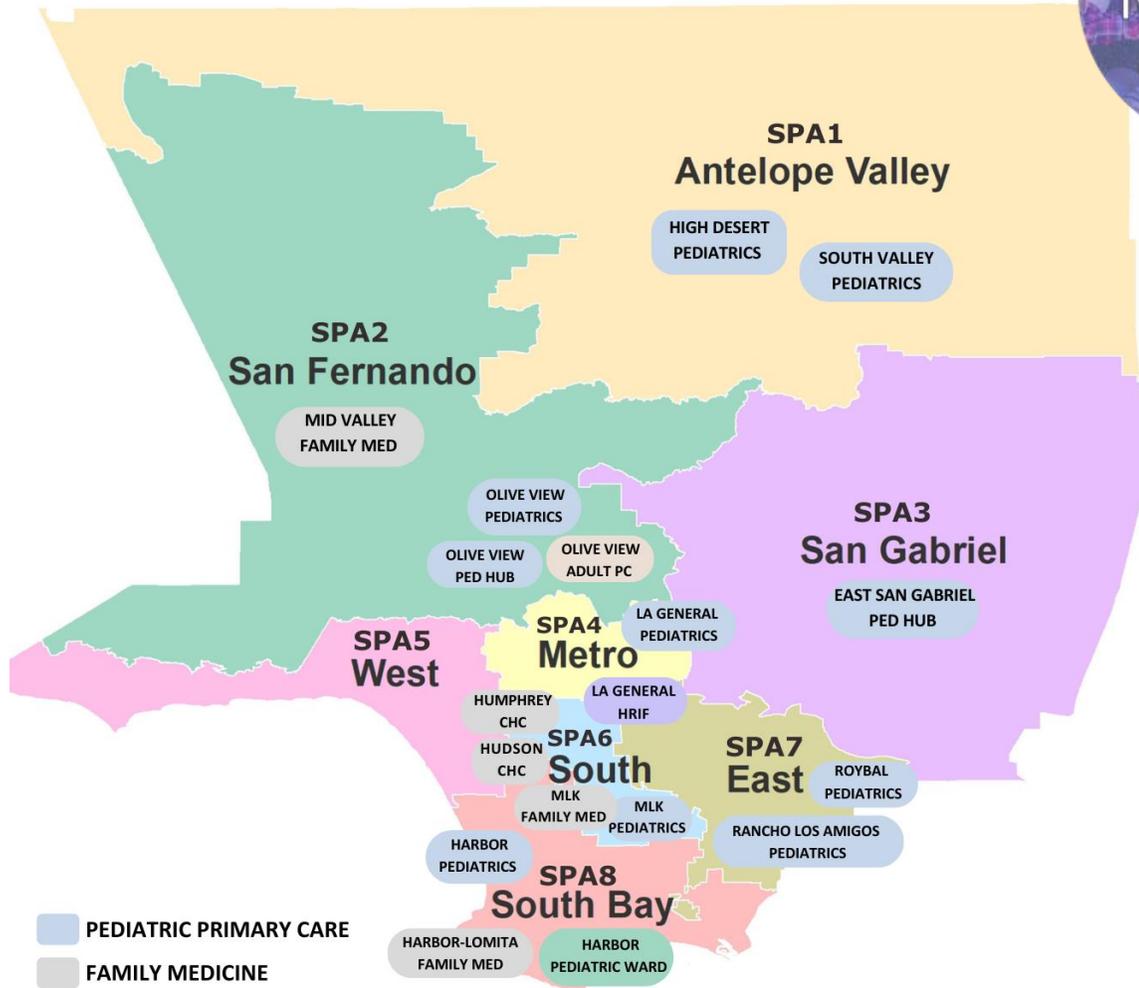
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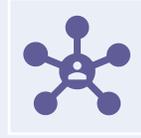
# Clinic Partners

## ACEs-LA Network of Care



# CBO Partners

# WHAT IS ONE DEGREE?



One Degree is a website designed to link users with services provided by the community.

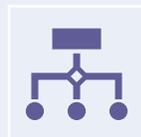


Services commonly sought out by users include:

- Food Pantries
- Housing Assistance
- After-School Programs
- Financial Assistance



Clinics will use One Degree to refer patients directly into such Community-Based Organizations (CBOs).



Clinic users can check the status of each referral from submission to utilization, thus **CLOSING THE LOOP.**

# One Degree Referrals



## Closed-Loop Referral (CLR)

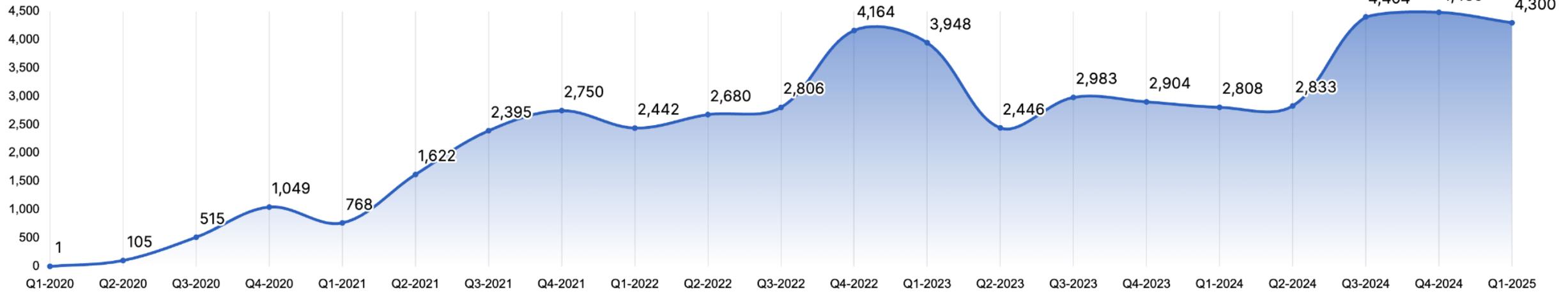
- "Bi-directional Referrals"
- Referrals sent from clinicians to partner CBOs, getting an update on it
- Can identified with the ACEs-LA Network banner

## Non-Closed Loop Referral

- "One way referrals"
- Referrals sent to any organization on the platform, BUT will not get a reponse
- Will not have an ACEs-LA banner

# Screening Trends

LA County DHS ACE Screening Trends



# Most Recent Referral Facts & Figures

Total 1D CLR Referrals since April 8, 2022

•2,526

Total 1D CLR Referrals JULY 2025

•97

CLR Referrals Currently Listed as In Progress

•950

Total 1D Referrals since April 8, 2022

•20,214

Total 1D Referrals JULY 2025

•913

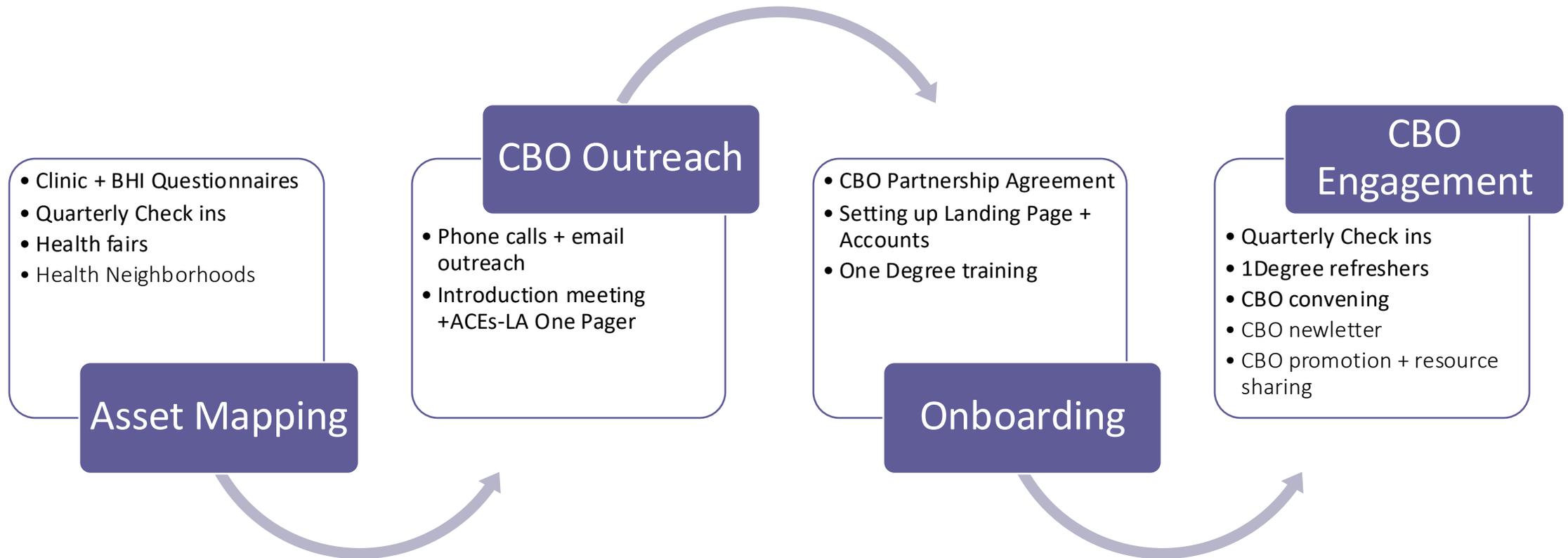
Cumulative CLR Referrals Utilized Since April 8, 2022

•1,640

# CREATING & MAINTAINING PARTNERSHIPS

# ACEs-LA Network of Care Community Partners

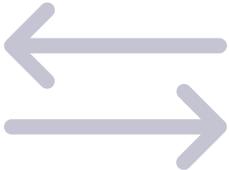




# Partnership Agreement Breakdown



CBO agrees to accept referrals from DHS clinics



Bi-directional communication with DHS clinics



One Degree organization and opportunity pages updated every 3 months and/or when services change

Capacity, eligibility etc.



Monthly reporting  
How many referrals  
How many received services



Opportunities to share your work with DHS clinics and the Network of Care community

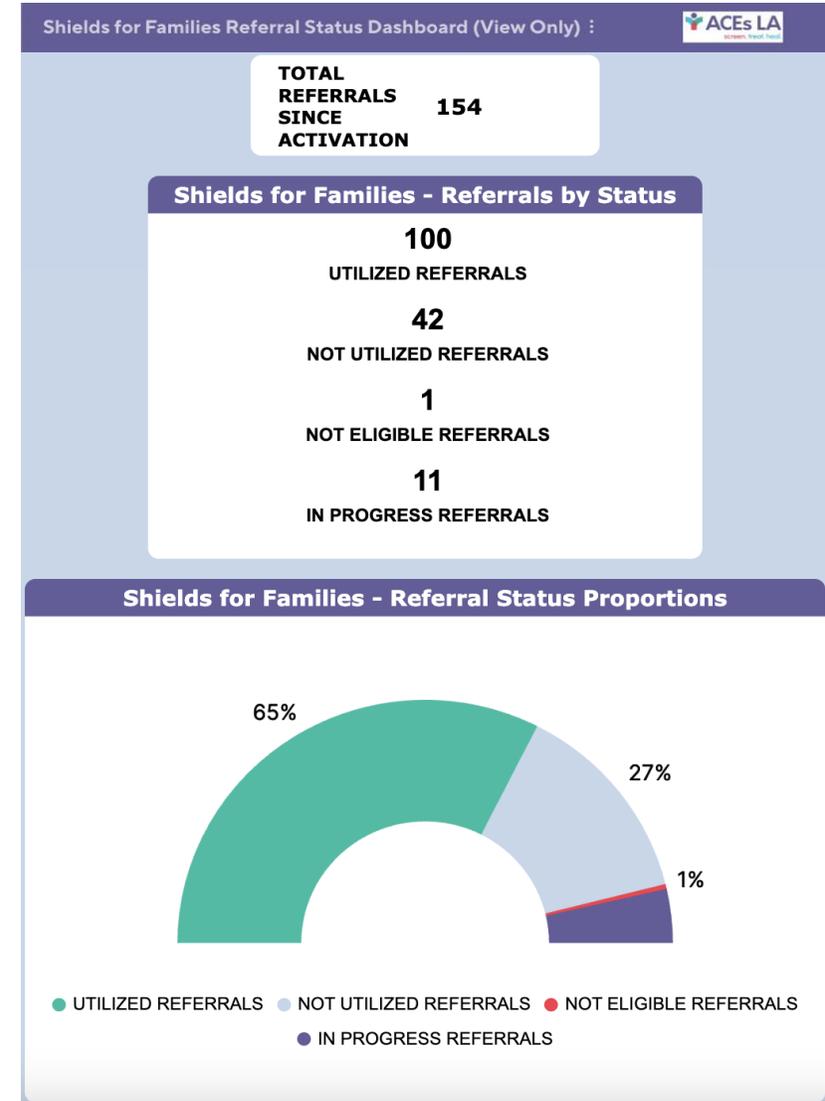
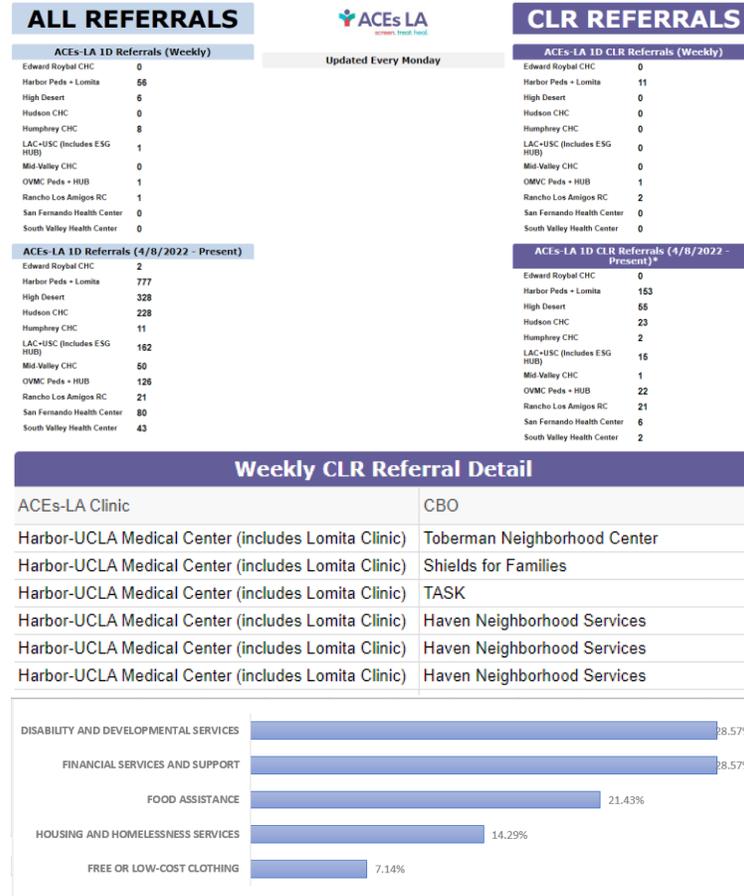
# Benefits to joining the network

## Become a valued member of a Network of Care responding to toxic stress and its impact on families:

- **Streamline** all the referrals you receive from DHS clinics in order to efficiently and comprehensively communicate clinician recommendations and patient needs
- Be a Network of Care partner organization responding to the immediate needs of families
- **Collaborate** with clinics and other organizations working toward whole person wellbeing by sharing your knowledge, skills, and expertise,
- **Share** with your funders that you are a member of the Network of Care collaborative, making meaningful connections, developing relationships to more comprehensively serve children and families,
- **Cultivate cross-organizational** relationships (i.e., become aware of other organizations serving similar populations, and filling gaps in services)

# ACEs-LA Referral Dashboard

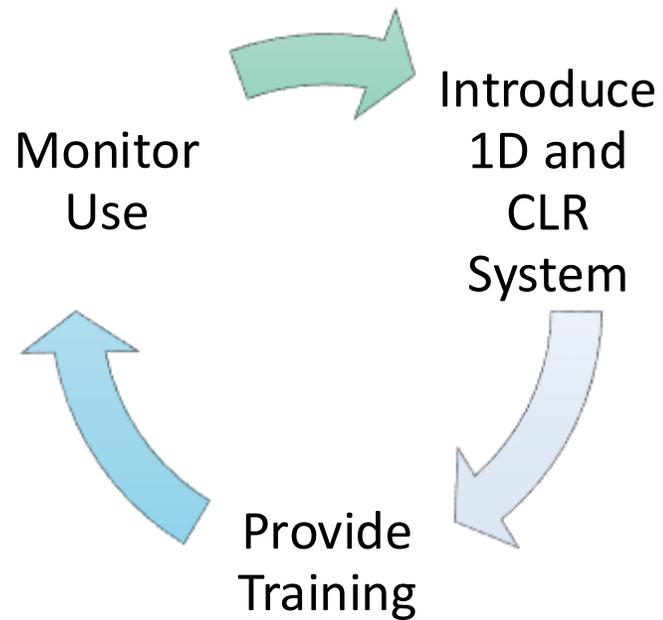
- Monitors weekly referral data by clinic + CBO
- Highlights trends between CLR + Non-CLR referrals
- Examines patient need by classifying referrals into service categories



# Essentials to building a network

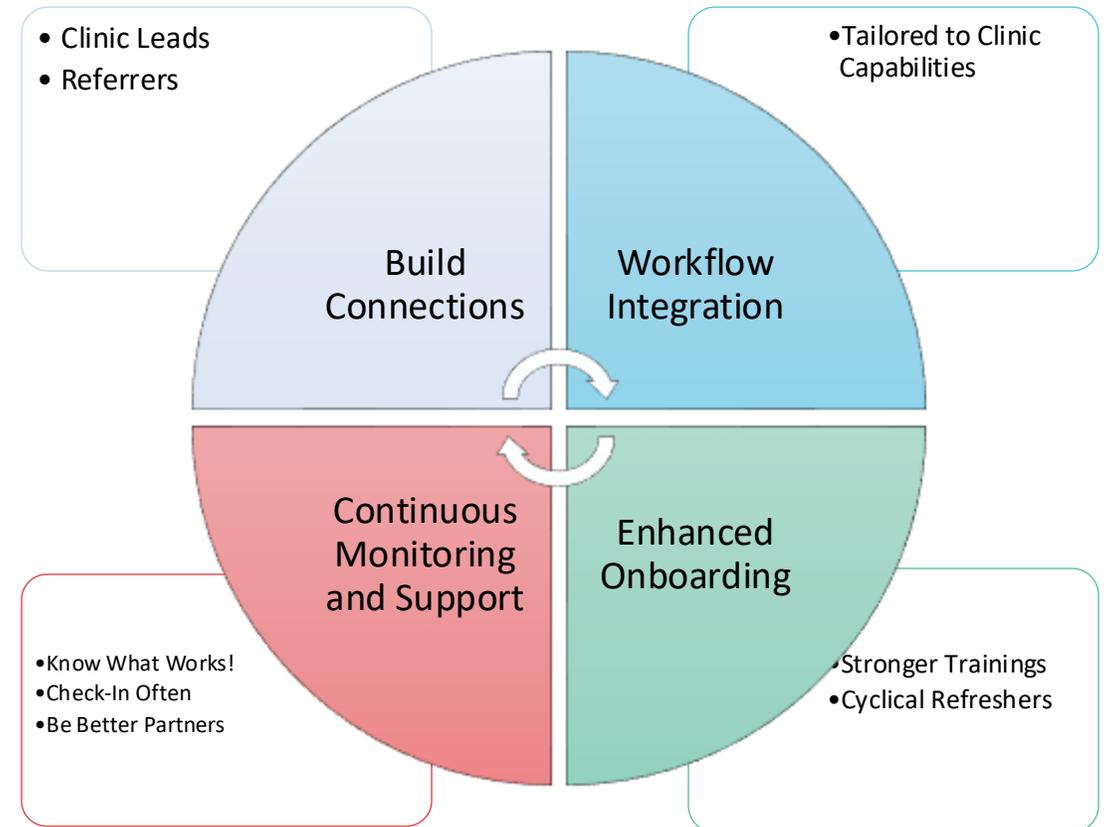
Awareness	Training around screening in clinics to help with referrals One Degree training for both clinics and CBOs Lunch and learns allow CBOs to showcase their services Newsletters and Social Media presence
Buy In	Make sure that folks at clinics and CBOs are onboard Identify a champion Relationship management is key to maintaining buy-in
Relationship management	Quarterly Check-ins Sharing resources across CBOs and Clinical partners Attending community events Accessibility to Community Navigators

# Strategic Response



Previous Strategy

Shift To



Enhanced Strategy





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**Q & A**